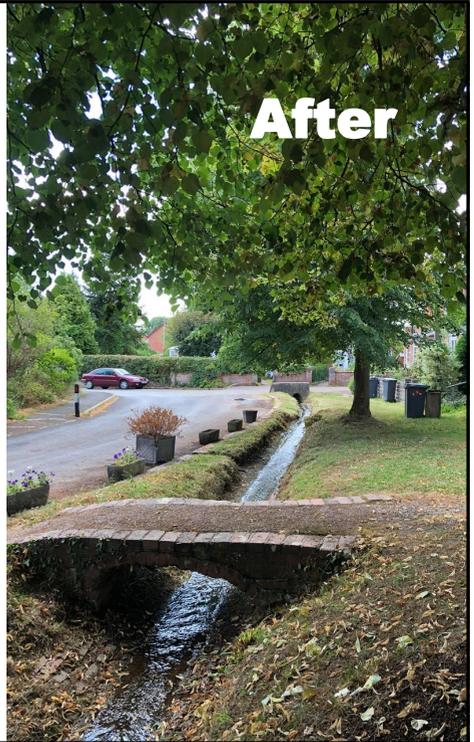


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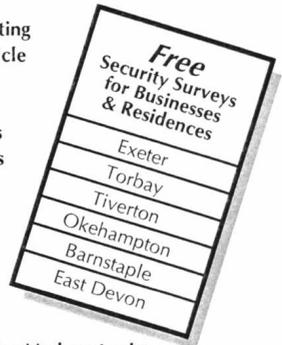
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# What's On In Whimple

## August

- 3rd History Society – conducted village walks starting at the Heritage Centre 6.15pm. Please book with Roger Smith on 822244
- 11th VPA Flower and Craft Show – Victory Hall
- 14th WI Summer Garden Party at Primrose Cottage, The Green 3.00 - 5.00pm
- 27th Whimple and Broadclyst Young Farmers –Charity Breakfast- details page 30

## September

- 3rd Victory Hall AGM – 7.00pm
- 4th Over 60s Social Club –Bingo and Committee Meeting
- 6th Tennis Club – Social Evening – details page 27
- 11th WI Monthly Meeting – Victory Hall 7.00/7.30pm. Speaker is Lucy Channon on 'Highways and Secret Byways'
- 11th Whimple Youth Club 5.15 - 6.30pm, Victory Hall – details pages 12 and 19
- 11th Over 60s Social Club - Trip to Lynton
- 14 - 16th St Mary's Church Flower Festival – details pages 18 and 25
- 18th Over 60s Social Club – Quingo
- 25th Over 60s Social Club – Entertainment – Bruce Odlin – Singer
- 29th Soup 'n' Sarnie Lunch 12.00noon – 1.30pm Victory Hall

## October

- 2nd Over 60s Social Club – 50th Anniversary of the Club – tea party
- 5th Over 65s Christmas Party Fund – Final Lunch – details page 43
- 5th Quiz Night in aid of Dulcie and Mya's Tanzanian Expedition – details page 37
- 6th Victory Hall – Table top fundraiser; 10.30am - 12.30pm – details page 14
- 9th WI Monthly Meeting – Victory Hall at 7.00/7.30pm. Speaker is Jill Cobley on 'Antiquarians from the 1400s'
- 9th Over 60s Social Club – Whist, Dominoes etc
- 12th VPA Talk – 'Rejuvenating a tired garden' – Elizabeth Holman – details page 38
- 14th Over 60s Social Club – Trip to New Forest and Lyndhurst
- 16th Over 60s Social Club – Speaker Paul Rendell – Curious Dartmoor
- 19th Whimple History Society Auction of Pledges and Promises Victory Hall 7.30pm  
See page 45 for details
- 23rd Over 60s Social Club – Beetle Drive and Committee Meeting
- 27th VPA trip to Batsford Arboretum – details page 38
- 30th Over 60s Social Club - Bingo

## November

- 9th VPA Quiz night – details to follow
- 13th WI Monthly Meeting – Victory Hall 7.00/7.30pm – speaker is Claire Barrow on 'Gemstones and Silver Jewellery'

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## Ed the Ed

We can be so proud of this lovely village, and this is reinforced by our wonderful Village Week and Village Day – yes it was hot, but what a great gathering of villagers with all the activities both during the Week and on the Day itself! Well done and thank you to everyone involved in the organisation of all those activities especially with the challenge of re-arranging things to fit in with the football!

We must have a reputation as a bit of a ‘whacky’ place to live when you think about trying to describe several of our usual escapades – egg catching, wassail, and pantomime dame racing! You would never get me caught up in such silliness.....

Our cover pictures in this edition are of the wonderful work carried out by Katy Hill and her fantastic team in the Square. So great to see Whimble folk again doing something so valuable for the village rather than waiting for someone else to take responsibility.

And on an international front, we have a report from Nikki Harris and Freya on even more good work done on their trip to Cambodia – see pages 46-48. And we also have Dulcie Sanders and Mya Walker fundraising for their proposed trip to Tanzania.

I am delighted to welcome Cathy Sharkey to our Whimble News team, and Cathy will be taking over the distribution of this magazine from me, so we wish Cathy well in this new role.

Have you have noticed recently that we had a flurry of scaffolding up Church Road between the shop and the pub? – I thought that we were preparing for some Amateur Dramatics with an Open Air version of Romeo and Juliet, with the ever youthful John Griffiths reprising his role as Juliet on the balcony scene. Perhaps not.....

I know that many of you were surprised by the news that Jenny and Mark have put the shop on the market, and Jenny mentions this in her shop update in this edition. I think that they have done wonders with the shop over the last five years and hope that whoever takes it on can bring the same energy and commitment to the business.

If you would like to contribute to this wonderful magazine – then please send your words to Bob on [bob.scanlan@eclipse.co.uk](mailto:bob.scanlan@eclipse.co.uk) or drop a paper copy into Dairy Cottage opposite the New Fountain by Tuesday September 11th.

Enjoy the rest of the summer.

**EdH**

# WHIMPLE STORES



Most of you will have heard that we have put the shop on the market. We have worked really hard for five years and we're pleased with how kind the village has been to us. The whole enterprise takes up so much time – not just the time the shop is open but the admin time required means we have very little spare time and we would like to spend more time with our family and doing other things.

We have been told it is likely to take a couple of years to find a buyer and complete, but even if we found a buyer immediately it would take six months, so we won't be going anywhere very quickly and as we are selling as a going concern, we assume new owners will keep things as they are for a while.

We had a problem with our bread supplier and we are now on a fixed order to help him. We have increased the order as we kept running out very early, but if you want to order any bread we need to get the order to him before 2.00pm so please contact us as early as possible.

We have had some bread brought back because it wasn't very fresh. Please don't hesitate to bring anything back to the shop if it is not up to standard. We would rather know about a problem and try to address any issues. Everyone makes mistakes but if there is a pattern with a problem it is easier to sort it out so if it is just that you don't like certain products or would like us to try stocking something different, please let us know and if we will do our best to help.

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# Tales of Whimble

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Whimble Parish Apprenticeship Register 1803-1843

Children who could not be cared for by their own family because they had no parents or came from a poor family, were a problem to the Poor Law administrators of a Parish. Such children frequently lacked any means of support and were too young to earn their own living. The Poor Law Act of 1597 gave Overseers of the Poor and Churchwardens the power to set these children to work, and so a large number of the children, known as pauper children, were put out as apprentices by parish officers.

The normal starting age of Parish apprenticeships was eight until 1815 and nine from 1818. Boys were invariably apprenticed until age 21 and girls to 21 or marriage if earlier. When a Parish wanted to bind a poor child, the parishioner they had chosen as master or mistress had to take the boy or girl or pay a fine to be excused. Generally, the Parish paid any apprenticeship fee and two copies of the Apprenticeship Indenture were written - one was usually kept in the Parish Chest, and the other by the master or mistress until the apprenticeship ended, when it was presented to the apprentice.

The obligation to take apprentices rested on owners of all large properties or land owners. Records show that in Whimble nearly all apprenticeships were to farmers or gentry. This meant the apprentices carried out unpaid farm or house work in return for maintenance. There were a few exceptions to those taking apprentices, such as two Innkeepers, a Topsham Limeburner (who owned property in the Whimble Parish), a tailor, two butchers (perhaps also farmers since they held property), the Rector, two ‘widows’ and a baker, who took an apprentice by consent not obligation.

Parents were obliged to allow children to be apprenticed by the Parish if they received Poor Relief and it relieved them of the maintenance until their children reached the age to support themselves. It also debarred poor children from schooling beyond age eight or nine but in this age they probably would not have received any further education anyway.

The Whimble Parish Apprenticeship Register appears to show the last apprentice completed his term in 1850. The practice became rare from 1837. Between 1803 and 1836, 117 children in the Parish of Whimble were apprenticed. A fifth of this total – 23 in all – came from two families and four other families accounted for 25 between them.

Today, the idea of sending such young children away from home to work seems incomprehensible but in 1893 one elderly Whimble lady, who was apprenticed at the age of seven, spoke highly of the advantages of the system and the kindnesses she met with in her childhood.

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All are welcome.

A table-top fundraiser will be held at the Hall on 6th October between 10.30am and 12.30pm. This is being held to improve the facilities in the Billiard Room, mainly used by the Preschool and Over 60's Club.

Items are welcome, tea and cakes will be available. Stalls will include books, CDs/DVDs, clothes, bric-a-brac, kitchenware, toiletries and toys. Please bring any donations to the Hall between 9.30am and 10.30am on the day, or notify one of the Hall Committee members.

Maria Wallis

## Whimple Victory Hall



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**Note: there is no Soup'n'Sarnie in August**

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# TALE VALLEY CHOIR

Sunday 1st July. St Mary's Church Whimple

But a stone's throw from Tale Valley on the afternoon of the 1st July, this relatively recently formed choir delighted the not insubstantial audience in the church. Emma Palmer, the founder and leader and conductor of the choir said at the outset. "It's refreshing to have an audience that outnumbers the choir"; the suggestion being that word has got around.

The programme of the event said the choir tackles 'some very eclectic music with great humour'. Well I guess that must be true. They all (well most, anyway!) sang with gusto (apart from the quiet bits) with smiles on their faces but you don't often hear the word 'very' before 'eclectic'. It seems entirely apposite.

I should confess here that I am a groupie, with a spouse in the choir and, because of that, I know how much work goes into each performance; no laurel resting for them. (I do think however that I would go along spouslessly to performances as joe public). On this occasion they, singing in five part harmony (sometimes eight), were required to learn by heart nineteen new songs. About a year ago the choristers (singers, chanteurs....? they will probably answer to most descriptions) acquired uniforms of coloured shirts. Since then, suitably zapped up, they are no longer allowed to hold any music or words in front of them at performance. The benefit is obvious to the audience with the whole choir projecting their voices horizontally.

In the very short time of three years, the choir has given a number of performances in Talaton, Payhembury, Feniton and even London, to name a few. The songs are new to the choir each time. No erstwhile repertoire with a couple of new ones for them. Emma drives them hard and they love it; home rehearsals incorporate a few expletives maybe – but they pay off.

On this particular Sunday we had a few 'themes' kicking off with drink: Gin and Tonic, Come Landlord Fill the Flowing Bowl, Drink to Me Only, Chanson Bachiques ('drinking song' for the non- multilingual).

Later, not content with French we were treated to Brollopsvisa (a Swedish wedding song sung in Swedish) linguistically approved by some Swedish members of the audience, then Zulu - Shona Malanga, Irish - St Patrick, spirituals, pirate songs (You Can't Hold a Good Man Down), Purcell (one about cakes for the lady and another about hay mow'd) and The First Time Ever, made famous by Roberta Flack (but in fact written in 1957 by Ewan MacColl for Peggy Seeger).

There was American, Arctic and Shetlands. Oh and jazz...the list goes on. I have a complaint that there was no Italian, but maybe next time!

So, one cannot fail to be impressed by this choir with its range of music, tongues and continents. The programme's description of 'very eclectic' seems very (!) apt.

Punters were afforded an additional treat on this day. Hannah Bown, a young, composer and classically trained soloist sang two sets of songs: Song to the Moon (Dvorak), The Sun Whose Rays (Gilbert and Sullivan), Lover come Back to Me (1928 from the Broadway show 'The New Moon' (Sigmund Romberg and Oscar Hamilton II) Hannah finished with On My Lips Every Kiss is Like Wine (from Giuditta by Franz Lehar).

Hannah has a First in Applied Music, has sung at many important venues including the Edinburgh festival and the Proms. Her accomplishments are many; she continues to sing, study and teach.

Hannah was accompanied on the piano by John Draisey an accomplished choirmaster, organist, conductor and singer, are highly active in and around Exeter.

Whimble folk will know how Emma Palmer 'works' tirelessly for music in the village (she never makes it look like work) - but other Devon villages are not spared her contribution either. Whatever she does, and certainly with this choir, you are left with the feeling (and maybe this choir experiences this feeling too) that this is her main (and only) project and one suspects that this would apply to all her choirs and singing groups.

You have had my view but it was well received by all. Other members of the audience were heard to say: "It brought tears to my eye" (only one eye?) and "Exquisite".

We were granted an encore and probably could have pushed for more but the choir needed a rest and we all wanted a drink.

If you haven't heard the 'TVC' yet you should go along to a performance.

You will be in for a feast that can be professional, yes but certainly engaging and generally a lot of fun. Emma is lethal with a tuning fork.

Richard Davies

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Firstly some thank yous.

Thank you to all who supported our Church Fete in June which was again a very successful event. Thank you also to those who supported the Church events during Village Week. We had a really good turnout for our Songs of Praise Service during which a selection of songs, traditional and modern chosen by various people were sung.

Most of our regular Home Groups are taking a break for the Summer. However, there are lots of events to look forward to over the next few months

On Saturday 4th August Clyst St Lawrence are holding their annual Church Fete in Walkeys Field at 2.30pm. On Sunday 12th August there will be a Teddy Bears Picnic at Clyst Hydon.

On Saturday 8th September Whimble is taking part in the Devon Historic Churches Day. Anyone is able to take part either by cycling or walking between churches of their choice. However, if exercise is not appealing to you, maybe you would rather host a coffee gathering or cream tea, or serve friends a soup and roll for lunch. Perhaps you would find it fun to organise a 'declutter day' either on your own or with friends, or open your garden. There are no rules as to how to raise funds for the trust. Monies raised are divided between a church of your choice and the DHCT. All Devon churches are able to ask for help from the Trust should they have structural problems and need help with the cost. Whimble church has been a recipient of aid in the past.

If you would like to join 'Ride or Stride' on the 8th, sponsorship forms are available from Jane Clements on 822181.

From 14th until 16th September, St Mary's Church is hosting a Flower Festival. The theme is 'Seasons and Services'. Light lunches and Cream Teas will be available and there will also be a concert by Orchard Harmony on Saturday 15th at 7.30pm. The event will conclude with a special Songs of Praise service on 16th at 6.30pm

Also in September there are two of our popular breakfasts. The first will be the Men's Breakfast on 15th September at Clyst Hydon, the second will be the Ladies' Breakfast on 22nd at Whimble Victory Hall. Details are still being finalised but more information will be in The Link and on the website nearer the time.

On September 23rd we will be having our Harvest Service followed by a Bring and Share Picnic which will be held at Whimble Cricket Club. Details of this are still being finalised so look out for information in The Link and on the website nearer the time.

## New Youth Club for Key Stage 2

Whimble Church and the YMCA have joined forces to launch a new Youth Club for Key Stage 2 children in the village. The taster days in the summer term were a great success so we will be launching it properly in September. We will be meeting fortnightly on Tuesdays, starting 11th September at the Victory Hall. The sessions will run from 5.15pm until 6.30pm and there will be games, activities and crafts. Please see the poster in this magazine for more details.

## YOUTH ALPHA FOR TEENAGERS + YRS 7/8

Coming this autumn a fun, engaging and interactive series of videos filmed all over the world exploring the basics of the Christian faith. Hosted in an informal home setting sharing Pizza and hot chocolate giving an ideal space to discuss and question what's it all about with others of your own age, starting on the evening of 9th September. Please see the poster on page 20 of this magazine for more information

Please note that there are some changes to our usual pattern of services in August and September. Full details of these can be found in The Link and on our website.

### Village Day Winners

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# Whimple Day WACY races Fun Run

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Despite the scorching heat 60 runners lined up to start the fun run (including a few assorted superheroes! ). A big, big thank you to everyone who took part.

The Carolines got us off to an energetic start with a World Cup themed warm up before we got down to the serious business of fun running!

After a closely fought contest the race was won by 10 year old Charlie Williams in 9:26. Hot on his heels was 13year old Jess Courtney in 9:27 closely followed by 12 year old Charlie Gordon-Lennox in 9:58. In 4th place came Richard Butcher in 10.00 making him the 1st man over 18. Jenny Jones was the First Lady over 18.

First under 10 boy went to 7 year old Edward Giffard and 9 year old Holly Walsh was the first under 10 girl.

The youngest runner was 3 year old Esme Giffard who did very well to complete the course.

A special mention goes to our regular veteran runner Bill Jordon who came in a very respectable 28th place.

Great running was done by all the above and great running by all 60 of you who took part. Thank you all and thanks to everyone who helped with the event.

See you all next year!

Heather Pye



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We have heard from Tracy and Abi Bunkum that their trip to Wimbledon as ticket ballot winners was a very enjoyable day – all in the luck of the draw! We enjoyed watching some spectacular games on TV and hope you did too.

We have had a couple of social events already this season, which have been fun and have encouraged a couple of new members – we are always keen to have new members along. We will be having another **social evening** on **Thursday 6th September 2018** and look forward to welcoming all comers!

**Marianne Randall**

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## VILLAGE WEEK AND WHIMPLE VILLAGE DAY 2018

### WHAT A GREAT 'WORLD CUP' AND VILLAGE WEEK WE HAD!

We followed England's fortunes and made last minute changes to our plans but it all worked out in the end.

The aim of Village Week is to bring the village together; it's the only event in Whimple's busy calendar that involves multiple organisations, caters for all ages, offers a wide variety of events AND helps sustain some of our many groups by raising funds.

A big thank you to all the tireless volunteers who set up activities and to those who support them by going along – it is much appreciated and helps make Village Week a success.

Despite the hard work - We're going to be doing it again next year and we're looking to the younger generation to help put it together, if you would like to join the organising team please let us know.

We will be contacting all the organisations that took part this year but if your group has never been involved and would like to hold an event, offer volunteers or run an activity on Village Day, please get in touch. Post something on 'Whimple What's On' Facebook page and we'll pick it up.

**We have a great Village.**

**Sue Ayres**



# Village



# Day 2018

## PHEW WHAT A SCORCHER!



(Thanks to Alice Walsh and Ann Daniels for some of the pics)



# Panto Dame Racing

A BIG thank you to all of you who came along to support the Whimbletons at the Panto Dame Racing.

It was a really great day and I am sure all those who attended will agree that they all enjoyed themselves.

We had some new additions to our race card this year and I can honestly say they were certainly our best set of dames yet!

They splashed, stepped, cantered, threw tantrums like the true professionals that they are, causing hoots of laughter and on some occasions, complete mayhem.

One dame stood out this year pretty much sweeping the board by winning most of the races. Edwina Hitchco in all her glory did her punters proud and her owners were delighted by her performance on more than one occasion!

I can assure you all that despite several steward's enquiries and allegations of doping she was pronounced clear and fit before every race.

Edwina along with the other dames is now having a nice relaxing rest scoffing chocolate and cakes and quaffing buckets of Prosecco and Gin.

All the dames can still be seen around the village from time to time but of course due to the fact that they are now so famous, to avoid heckling and unwanted advances, they are all dressed up as men!

Perhaps you can spot them on your travels.

What a great afternoon and a wonderful way to start what turned out to be a fantastic Village week.

Thank you once again to all for your support and help in making this a great event .

Here's to next year.

**Cathy Bartlett-Horwood**

## Village Week Quiz

Fabulous turnout and attempt to clear the total stock of the bar again this year! Thanks SO much to everyone who came along, all the great helpers on the night, and Tony 'Quizmaster Extraordinaire' Bickel.

We would also like to thank the Village Week organisers for allowing us to host. Much appreciated.

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## Update on fundraising for Tanzania Expedition

We are Mya Walker and Dulcie Sanders, two students from Clyst Vale Community College and we wanted to let you know how our fundraising is going.

It has been a busy time recently as we have just done our GCSE's, so fundraising has had to take a back seat for a while. However, we were kindly invited to do the refreshments for the Tale Valley Choir concert in the Church recently and it was a great event, raising over £170. So thank you to Emma Palmer for asking us and to everyone for their most generous donations.



We would also like to thank all those who have supported our stall in the Whimble Stores and who have made generous donations to our cause. We are over half way to our target but still have a long way to go so our next planned event will be a Quiz in The Victory Hall on the 5th October. Watch out for details in 'Whimble What's On', in Whimble Stores and posters around the village.

This expedition will be a great opportunity to expand our cultural knowledge, understand how difficult it is for people to live in poverty and to help people who aren't as privileged as us, so we are very grateful for all your contributions towards our goal. Thank you.

Dulcie and Mya

⇒ **Quiz Night** ⇐

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**Mya & Dulcie**



# WHIMPLE AND DISTRICT VILLAGE PRODUCE ASSOCIATION

By the time this edition reaches your doorstep, I expect there will be a lot of you putting the finishing touches to your exhibits for our Annual Flower and Craft Show on Saturday 11th August 2018. It has been a very difficult time for those looking to enter the Flower and Vegetable Classes. No doubt there will have been much covert watering going on to ensure we have the usual magnificent displays.

The trip to Tyntesfield near Bristol was very well supported and was reported as being another excellent trip. Some forty-five VPA Members and friends went. Although they found the rose garden a little disappointing, the rest of the gardens were very good. By the time this edition of the News is published our trip to the Lost Gardens of Heligan will have taken place and this again is proving to be another well supported trip.

On Village Day, the VPA had a presence on a very hot day on the Parish Field. We are very grateful to Barbara Lambert and Emma Palmer who gave a demonstration of flower arranging and it was very impressive to see how quickly a bunch of flowers could be arranged into beautiful displays. Leaflets were available to help would be flower arrangers to get started and these will also be available at the Flower Show in August. We also had information on propagation together with schedules and information for our forthcoming Flower and Craft Show.

A reminder that we have two events planned for October. The first will be on Friday 12th October. Elizabeth Holman will be giving a talk on 'Rejuvenating a Tired Garden'. This should be a very useful talk taking into account the very hot summer we have been having. The second event is a trip to Batsford Arboretum near Moreton in the Marsh in Gloucestershire. We hope to have booking forms available at the Flower Show in August.

Full details of all our events, with reports and photographs, can be found on our website which is [www.whimple-vpa.co.uk](http://www.whimple-vpa.co.uk) so please access it to keep up to date on everything.

We look forward to seeing you at the Flower and Craft Show on Saturday 11th August.

**Paul Wilson, Hon. Secretary**

## **Whimple & Broadclyst Young Farmers**

Whimple & Broadclyst Young Farmers would like to say "Thank you" to everyone who supported our Summer Bingo in Village Week. We raised £320 for Macmillan Cancer Support and the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution. Our next event is our Annual Big Charity Breakfast on August Bank Holiday Monday... keep an eye out for posters around the village, and see page 30.



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Freya and I had an emotional and rewarding two week experience, working in very different circumstances from British dental surgeries!

For our first outreach we made our way to Prey Veng Province, three hours to the East of Phnom Penh, working with the charity One-2-One. We had a team of five trainee Cambodian Dentists working as translators/ decontamination assistants/ clinicians, four Dundee 4th year dental students, four dental nurses, Freya, Isabelle and Jac as our non dental oral health instructors, a trained Cambodian dentist, our team leader Simon, and myself.

Our task for five days was to screen, relieve pain, promote prevention and give oral hygiene and diet advice to a Junior High School of around 650 pupils. The charity had been invited to attend by the three star general of the Cambodian People's Party.

We were warmly greeted, although their mission was different to our charity, as a political electioneering for votes (Polling 29th July 2018), they had offered free dental treatment to the community. On our first day we didn't get our heads above the parapet and we were swamped with adult patients seeking treatment.

Everyone needed something, so we set our oral health team going through the school classes, identifying children in pain, and starting the education programme, whilst the dental staff fought the fire, in the makeshift clinic in a classroom.

The second day, we arrived at 7.30am to see a snaking queue of police, teachers and adults with young children, all waiting along with the smiling General. Our hearts sank -the children were not their priority, but votes!

Again our oral health team did a sterling job, and we were now running an efficient clinic together, so by lunchtime managed to have some free space to see the children in pain. One of our support workers had identified a girl in need of treatment, who was psychologically nervous and always held her hand to her mouth due to her insecurity and pain. Tara, one of our Dundee dental students set to work, aided by Simon our team leader, and a miraculous transformation occurred. She ended up being an ambassador, encouraging the children in pain to attend our clinic, finally always grinning, and bringing us Cambodian sweet delicacies to try.

In the final 3 days, we saw the majority of the school for oral health education and fluoride toothpaste toothbrushing, alongside community adults and children in the clinic. It was sad to see the enormous amount of dental decay, with the majority having over 9 teeth affected, many just abscessed roots in the jaw remaining, and all under the age of 16. It was obvious that we couldn't change everything here and much damage had already been done. To invoke change, we would need to see parents and younger children, to enable us to be more effective at preventing disease. As it was, we had brought a service to a poorly paid farming community, miles from a dentist and for free.

On our last evening before we returned to the city, we had a BBQ laid on by our Cambodian Dental Trainees. A lovely evening shared with our new colleagues at the end of a tiring, but successful week, even sampling blood cockles, snails, and marinated beef. A bit of dancing freestyle followed!

On Saturday morning, we rose early to go to the charity HQ to help with food preparation. Five days a week, in three slums around the city, this Christian charity provides meals at lunchtime for children. It costs around \$100 to feed around 100 of them. In our Dentaid project we all felt we wanted to contribute another day to helping these underprivileged children, whose families are being gradually driven out by the reconstruction of the city. No provision has been made for their relocation in housing and their future is bleak. Although these children had little apart from the clothes on their back, they were rich in smiles, happiness and affection for each other.

From the slums, we had an afternoon visiting the Choeung Ek Killing Fields, tranquil and serene, despite the atrocities that occurred both there and the other 300 or so killing fields across Cambodia. We then followed on to the Tuol Sleng Genocide museum, which was equally heartbreaking.

The evening was very quiet and reflective - we both felt physically and emotionally challenged at the end of our first week.

Our next destination, Kampong Cham, was three hours north of Phnom Penh on the Mekong River.

Dr Nhep (a gentle petite lady in her 60's) provides outreach with her Cambodian dental students. Facilities here were limited - just a folding chair, fixed with a wooden cross and using a sponge as a headrest.

We saw workers and community members, relieving their pain and giving diet and oral hygiene instruction. They were so gracious and respectful. It was really amazing to observe their tenacity, when they had obviously suffered pain for months.

The following day the clinic moved to an infant school, where we managed to see around 170 child patients and the health team helped with brushing and fluoridated their teeth.

A long, hot drive next to our final destination, Siem Reap, where we liaised with a new charity 'See Beyond Borders' who work in schools around the area, providing running water, health education and teaching support to the school staff.

Here we engaged with teachers, community leaders, parents and children, offering a handwashing forum, toothbrush instruction with fluoride toothpaste and diet advice to reduce the frequency of sugary snacks and drinks.

The parents seemed empowered to help their children and are positively making a difference in this poor district to their lives and their families.

We saw some incredible sights on this trip, finishing the final day with the Temples of Angkor, but it is the smiles, the humour and humility, being accepted by this incredible nation of people that has been so destroyed that will stay with us.

Positivity, a truly unforgettable experience that Freya and I will never forget, and, hopefully, a legacy for change in the future.

Thank you again

Best wishes

*Núkei and Freya Harris*

The logo for Dentaid features the word "dentaid" in a green, lowercase, sans-serif font. The letter "e" is replaced by a stylized globe showing the Americas.

See over for pics!





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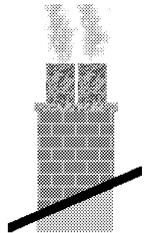
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Our A.G.M on the 8th May began with a 'Cheese & Wine' celebration and socialising, followed by official business including the President's and the Secretary's annual reports. We thanked two retiring committee members with flowers (Avril Ellingham and Cynthia French), welcomed Christine Smith as a new committee member and elected Di Eden as our new President. Gill Down stepped down after three years as our President and we thanked her for all her hard work with a bouquet of flowers. As Di Eden is now President, we need a new Secretary and the members were encouraged to consider taking on this role – hopefully someone will come forward very soon. In the meantime, our Treasurer Marilyn Mills will cover the tasks usually undertaken by the Secretary – we are so grateful, what a star! Jane Clements has kindly agreed to join the committee and will continue to organise the bimonthly social lunches. We could do with at least one more new committee member – come on ladies, it's really not hard and would certainly lighten the load for the current seven members, who work extremely hard on your behalf!



At our June meeting the speaker was Paula Clarke from Castle Drogo, a property gifted to the National Trust in 1974, which many of us have visited. Paula talked enthusiastically of its design by Sir Edwin Lutyens, the famous 20th century architect and construction by Julius Drewe, who made his money by creating the Home & Colonial store – our older members will remember it well, before supermarkets took over. Drewe believed he was descended from the aristocracy and only a castle would do, even though Lutyens had serious doubts about its construction! Work began in 1911 but was only completed in 1930, as there was a shortage of labour during the war years. Paula showed us slides describing the extensive conservation work that has been undertaken during the last six years, with £3m from the Heritage Lottery Fund – the roof has been leaking like a sieve and serious damage has been done. The work should be completed and everything back to normal by the end of this year hopefully, when we can visit again without dodging the workmen! I believe we all enjoyed the evening very much.

A Social lunch was held on the 20th June for the first time at The Blackhorse and was by all accounts a resounding success. The food arrived swiftly, was plentiful and of good quality. The 25 ladies who attended agreed it was excellent value for money and no doubt we will be using them again for a future event. I am sorry I missed it, but my option was sitting on a Greek beach watching the dolphins – a no brainer really! Thanks to Jane Clements for organising the event.

As is usual each year, Whimpe WI ladies provided a variety of cakes and served in the refreshment tent on Village Day on the 7th July, along with ladies from the church. Thank you very much to all who assisted. A wonderful day as always.

New members as always would be most welcome - please contact Marilyn Mills on 821860 for further information.

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Our plea to those of you who have not participated and in your own interests please take the time to complete and return a survey.

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# WHIMPLE

## PRIMARY SCHOOL

Since the last edition of Whimple News we have been extremely busy. All classes have been on their annual trip, art project work with Killerton, watching an outdoor play, sports day and other sporting events including watch T20 cricket at Taunton, just to name a few.

We have held our summer fair, which was a great success. Thank you to all those who attended; monies raised have paid for buses for school trips, Crealy trip for Year 6 and a selection of literacy resources. Music continues to be a growing strength and we have our musical assemblies coming shortly with the first performance of our newly formed orchestra.

May I thank you all for your continued support of the school in the past year and wish you all a great summer.

Carole Shilston, Headteacher

## Life skills

On Tuesday the 3rd July Year 6s went to the Donkey Sanctuary to do Life skills, which involved learning about the Coast Guard, the Fire Crew and the Online Safety Security

1) The Coast Guards: The Coast Guards have a very important job to look out for danger in the sea. They have 3 different types of flags the first one is the red one for danger, so do not to swim surf in the sea past the flag, it means that there might be a rip-current and it's dangerous to swim. The next flag is a green one that means it's safe to swim but not safe to go surfing or sailing. Lastly the white and black flag which means it's safe to surf but not safe to swim.

2) The Fire Crew: The fire crew has an important job for saving people's lives in many things like car accidents, fires and they even save animals. They showed us how to test our smoke alarms at home by pressing the button on it which takes no longer than ten seconds. They also said they want everyone to practice a fire drill just in case the smoke alarm went off in the night.

3) The Online Safety Security: The Online Safety Security is just like the police but for people who are getting harassed online especially from people who are not who they say they are. They showed us a video of a young girl called Becky and a man who is saying he is near her age and wants to meet her, he also sees all of her pictures.

# Crealy Adventure Park

On the 29th of June the whole of Year 6 travelled to Crealy Adventure Park and had an amazing time, they said they went on all the rides and they all loved them. The three favourites were Maximus, the Twister and the Tidal Wave. The Maximus and the Twister were both rollercoasters and the Tidal Wave was a rollercoaster but splashed you with lots of water.

## The Maximus

The Maximus was an extremely fast rollercoaster that went in and out of a tunnel and turned on its side. It's based on the Roman times and it is an old kind of train that you sit in full of coal. It is a very enjoyable ride and I would recommend you to try it.

## The Twister

The Twister is a slower ride than the Maximus but it's still very fun, there are four seats and the ride is quite jolty and high up. It spins a lot and at one point you go down backwards. It is quite a comfortable ride and scary at the same time.

Don't look down!

## The Tidal Wave

The Tidal Wave is more commonly known as the log flume. It's meant for four people to sit in a log while you slide across water. It is a calm ride at first but then you start to go close to vertically up and then you speed down a slide and water splashes up at you also go through a tunnel to do a bigger slide it seemed to be the best slide and I would recommend going to CREALY ADVENTURE PARK!

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## Killerton Suffragettes

Willow Class banners were exhibited at Killerton House on Tuesday; they were inspired by the suffragettes and the joint project between the National Trust and our school. One is about stopping deforestation and the other is about stopping poaching.

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